

- Choose de correct answer.

EMOTION KICKS OFF CHINA'S OLYMPICS

BEIJING, China (CNN) – Fireworks, athletes and pageantry on a scale never before seen in the Olympics opened the Summer Games in Beijing on Friday as the Asian nation kicked off the biggest and most scrutinized Games in history.

IOC President Jacques Rogge spoke of China's long-held ambition to host the Olympics. "Tonight, that dream comes true," he said.

The ceremony began at 8 p.m. local time (8 a.m. ET) on the eighth day of the eighth month of 2008 – in a country where eight is the luckiest number.

The opening was an artistic mix of performance and light depicting China's 5,000 years of history.

Fireworks shot off across the Chinese capital as thousands of drummers, acrobats, martial artists and dancers performed under a light display at the National Stadium.

Children representing each of the 56 ethnic groups in China marched out into the stadium, called the "Bird's Nest" because of its notable appearance.

Dancers merged with objects that depicted China's ancient Silk Road, its Great Wall and ancient imperial past. Acrobats swirled around a giant sphere, depicting China's ambitions in space.

This version of the Olympics brings with it controversy, discord that began in 2001 when the 2008 Games were awarded to Beijing. Criticism over China's policies on human rights for its citizens, its policies in Tibet and the persistent pollution across the country have been the focus of much international scrutiny and media attention.

For some world leaders, the decision to attend was a tough call. French President Nicolas Sarkozy threatened to boycott the Games because of human rights abuses in Tibet but later changed his mind.

"They want those leaders to confirm the fact that China has returned to great power, prominence in the world," said David Zweig, a political analyst at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

As for the Games, an estimated 10,000 athletes from 205 countries competed in 28 events for about 300 gold medals.

The Olympics offered plenty of drama. China put a priority on finishing first in the overall medal standings. And China got it.

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<http://www.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/asiapcf/08/08/olympics.opening/Index.html#cnnSTCText>

According to the text above:

01. Which dream came true?

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| A) China's dream. | D) The Olympics' dream. |
| B) IOC President's dream. | E) "Tonight, that dream comes true", he said. |
| C) Jack Rogge's dream. | |

02. Which country won the biggest number of gold medals?

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| A) The United States. | D) England. |
| B) Brazil. | E) Canada. |
| C) China. | |

03. Why was there so much disagreement about the Olympics in China?

- A) Because Bush was the first American President to attend them outside the United States.
- B) Because of human rights abuses in Tibet, policies on its citizens and the pollution.
- C) Because this version of the Olympics brings with it controversy.
- D) Because for some world leaders the decision to attend the Olympics was a tough call.
- E) Because French President Nicolas Sarkozy threatened to boycott the Games.

BETANCOURT IN HER OWN WORDS

“Thank you to the army, from my country of Colombia, thank you for your impeccable operation. The operation was perfect. This morning when I woke up, I prayed at four in the morning and put myself in the hands of God.

We hoped that maybe one of us could be freed through an international commission, which you, the media, have talked about. I owe a lot to the media. If it had not been for you, I would probably not be alive. Those of you who took time to give us space on the radio, the possibility to communicate with our families, I owe you so much.

They closed the helicopter’s doors and I saw the commander who for four years had been in charge of us, who had been cruel, humiliating and despotic so many times. I saw him on the floor, naked blindfolded. I don’t think I felt happiness, but rather pity, but I thanked God that I was with people who respect other people’s lives, even when they are enemies.

I know that with President Nicolas Sarkozy, with all French people, with all Europe, with the whole world that has supported us, we’re going to keep fighting for the freedom of those who are still left behind.

The people who are still there, the guerrillas that were our guards, we left them alive, I hope that they can stay alive and I hope they won’t be unjustly dealt with for what happened. The operation was perfect.

Let this instance of happiness not let us forget the others who have died. Peace must be made with the promise that there are no more kidnappings.... Everyone has to feel that this national union is going to help us to get them all back safe and sound...

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- According to the text above:

04. Who does Betancourt owe her own life?

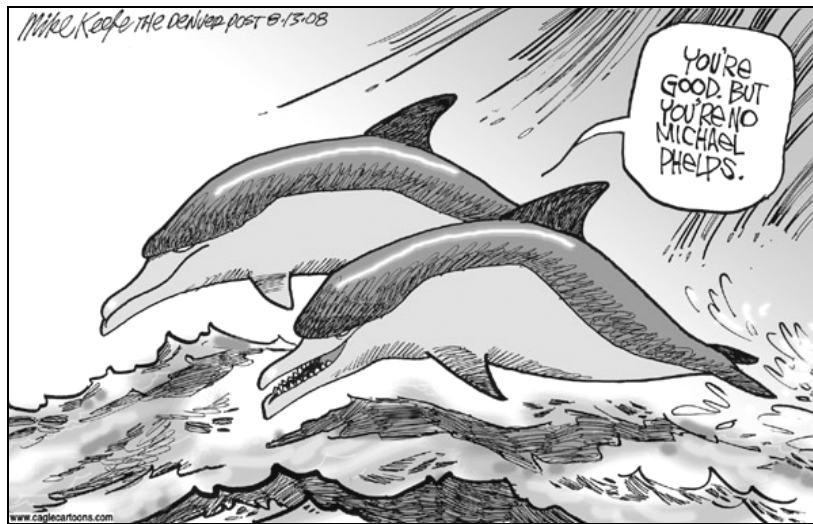
- A) To the army.
- B) To Colombia.
- C) To the media.
- D) When she woke up.
- E) When she was freed in the morning.

05. How did Betancourt feel when she saw her commander knocked down?

- A) She felt naked.
- B) She felt humiliating.
- C) She felt happiness.
- D) She felt pity.
- E) She felt blindfolded.

06. Is Betancourt worried about other prisoners?

- A) No, she’s just worried about Colombians.
- B) No, she’s worried about all Europe.
- C) No, she’s worried about the French people.
- D) Yes, she is very worried about Nicolas Sarkozy.
- E) Yes, she is worried about those who were left behind.



07. According to the cartoon above:

- A) Michael Phelps's a faster swimmer than the dolphin.
- B) Michael Phelps's as fast as the dolphin.
- C) The dolphin is faster than Michael Phelps.
- D) Michael Phelps is less fast than the dolphin.
- E) The dolphin is better than Michael Phelps.



<http://www.cagle.com/news/Graduation08/7.asp>

08. According to the cartoon above:

- A) The parents want to give the son a gift.
- B) The guy wants to give his parents a gift.
- C) The guy has sponsored his parents.
- D) The parents have just graduated.
- E) Both the guy and the parents want a gift from each other.

09. Change to passive voice: “*The doctor will have to examine the patient next week*”.

- A) The doctor will have to be examined next week.
- B) The patient will have to be examined by the doctor next week.
- C) The patient will have been examined next week.
- D) The doctor has to examine the patient.
- E) The patient has to be examined next week.

10. The teacher said: “*Shut up, folks! You _____ talk during the test*”.

- A) will
- B) should
- C) can
- D) mustn't
- E) need to

11. Someone is knocking at the door, _____?

- A) aren't they
- B) isn't he
- C) is he
- D) isn't she
- E) is she

12. I was _____ a trip when my mom called and asked: “*Are you _____ the bus or _____ the car?*”

- A) on; at; in
- B) in; in; on
- C) on; on; on
- D) in; on; on
- E) on; on; in

13. Turn the sentence *Go home immediately. I said my son.* **into reported speech.**

- A) I told my son to go home immediately.
- B) Go home immediately. I told my son.
- C) My son told me to go home immediately.
- D) My son is going home immediately.
- E) He said: My son is home immediately.

14. You're very ill! I suggest not _____ any meal.

- A) skip
- B) skipped
- C) skipping
- D) skips
- E) will skip

15. Please, don't _____ studying English.

- A) gives up
- B) giving up
- C) give up
- D) be giving up
- E) gave up

16. _____ Mary and her children enjoy watching cartoons? She _____ but they _____.

- A) Does; don't; do
- B) Does; doesn't; don't
- C) Does; does; don't
- D) Do; does; don't
- E) Do; doesn't; don't